Review of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana

1557. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has been made to know the extent to which its objectives have been achieved;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to remove the deficiencies, if any, identified in the implementation of the Rozgar Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The basic objective of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is to provide employment to more than million educated unemployed youth by setting up 7 lakh micro enterprises through industry, service and business routes in the last 4 years of the 8th Five Year Plan i.e. from 1993-94 to 1996-97. PMRY Committees at the district and State level have been constituted to monitor and review the progress of PMRY. A High Powered Committee has been constituted at the Centre to monitor and review the progress of the scheme. Reviews have also been taken by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry. The scheme was launched on 2nd October, 1993. Since then upto the month ending January, 1995, 1,40,685 cases have been sanctioned.

(c) The difficulties faced by the beneficiaries are regarding selection of activity, lack of knowledge in managing an enterprise etc. For the purpose of enabling the beneficiries to choose a suitable sphere of activity, project profiles have been prepared and are available with District Industries Centres for consultation The district level task force screen the beneficiaries. The Office of the General Manager, District Industries Centre in the district also pursues the cases with the banks for sanction and disbursal of loan. For imparting knowledge in managing an enterprise, a training is organised by the DICs. Unemployed youths whose cases are sanctioned by the banks are imparting this training.

The Government have initiated steps for evaluation of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in the States/UTs. This shall assess the impact and identify the deficiencies, for improvement in the implementation of the scheme. The proformance and the guidelines on the same have been circulated to the State/UT Governments for identification of agencies for conducting the evaluation study.

Use of Trade Marks

1558. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how is the "trans border reputation" of multinational corporations affecting the trade marks of Indian companies;

(b) what are the cases that have been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(c) what steps Government are considering to mitigate the difficulties faced by the bonafide users of trade marks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) "Trans border reputation" is not defined under the Trade and Merchandise marks Act, 1958. However, in a number of cases relating to trade marks, the Courts have taken cognizance of "trans border reputation" of trade marks.

(c) Bonafide and honest use of trade marks are sufficiently protected by the existing provisions of the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958.